GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF PATNA AND RANCHI AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has contemplated to upgrade and expand the Patna and Ranchi Airports;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether no facilities of arrival and departure lounge is available at these ports; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to provide lounge facility at the said airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) and (b):- Patna Airport has already been upgraded by extending the terminal building with modern facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time at a estimated cost of Rs. 10.30 crores. Customs and immigration facilities are also provided for limited international operations at the airport which is suitable for AB-320 class of aircraft. The existing runway 7500 ft. cannot be extended further due to obstruction on both sides of the runway. There are plans for providing a new runway with changed orientation subject to availability of 250 acres of land from the State Government.
Ranchi airport is suitable for the operation of AB-320 class of aircraft and the terminal building is capable to handle 250 passengers at a time. There are plans for expansion of the terminal building with modern facilities.

(c):- No, Sir.

(d):- Does not arise.